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AUTHORITY FOR COAST GUARD TO ACCEPT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A CERTAIN DEFENSE HOUSING FACIL- ITY AT YORKTOWN, VA.

JULY 16, 1959.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. MAGNUSON, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign
Commerce, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 2153]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2153) to authorize the Coast Guard to accept, operate, and maintain a certain defense housing facility at Yorktown, Va., and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

AMENDMENTS

On Page 1, line 10, delete the word "Rents" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Until June 30, 1960 rents". On page 2, delete lines 1 and 2, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "maintaining the facility, after which date they". On lines 4 and 5, page 2, delete the words "The appropriation 'Operating expenses, Coast Guard'" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Coast Guard appropriations".

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to authorize the Coast Guard to accept from the Department of the Navy, without reimbursement, a 42-unit defense housing facility at Yorktown, Va., and to maintain and operate the facility for occupancy by Coast Guard personnel and their dependents, on a rental basis, pursuant to the provisions of the act of July 2, 1945 (59 Stat. 316; 37 U.S.C. 111a).

As introduced the bill, in section 2, would have permitted the Coast Guard, to utilize all rents collected from occupants of the facility for purposes of operation and maintenance; any excess of amounts collected and not required for operation or maintenance to be de-

posited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts. It was also provided, in the bill as introduced, that the appropriation "Operating expenses, Coast Guard" would be available for operation and maintenance, to cover any deficit in rental receipts.

As reported, however, section 2 of the bill is amended to provide that rents collected shall be available for operating and maintaining the facility only during the fiscal year 1960; and that, from July 1, 1960 on, all rents collected shall be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and provision made in the Coast Guard's annual appropriations for funds to operate and maintain the units.

Section 3 of the bill provides that the administration of the housing facility by the Coast Guard shall, except as provided in section 2, be in conformity with the administration of similar housing projects by the other Armed Forces.

There was no opposition to consideration of the bill by General Services Administration or by the Department of the Navy, reporting for the Department of Defense. The Comptroller General withheld comment as to the transfer of the property by the Navy Department, but recommended that the gross amount of all rents collected should be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and that the costs of operation and maintenance should be financed through annual appropriations, as is done at the Coast Guard's Cape May, N.J., defense housing facility. The committee agreed that this would be in line with good Government practices. However, it was felt that, inasmuch as arrangements for the transfer of the housing facility had not been completed in time to permit provision for operation and maintenance funds in the budget for the fiscal year 1960, permission should be given for use of the rental receipts for such purposes during this one fiscal year.

The 42-unit facility involved will be used by the Coast Guard to house personnel attached to the Coast Guard Reserve Officers Training School and their families.

The reports on the bill of the Government departments and of the Comptroller General are printed below, together with letters from the two U.S. Senators from Virginia favoring the bill:

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, D.C., July 8, 1959.

HON. WARREN G. MAGNUSON,
Chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Your letter of June 11, 1959, requested the views of the General Services Administration on S. 2153, 86th Congress, a bill to authorize the Coast Guard to accept, operate, and maintain a certain defense housing facility at Yorktown, Va., and for other purposes.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the U.S. Coast Guard to operate a defense housing facility at Yorktown, Va., on the same basis as the project has formerly been operated by the Department of the Navy.

We are informed by the Department of the Navy that it has authority to transfer land and improvements without reimbursement to the Coast Guard. The property has not been reported to GSA as excess property, and we are further informed that it is not contemplated that such a report will be made.

Since the proposed legislation does not enlarge the scope of existing laws concerning transfers without reimbursement, we interpose no objection thereto.

Enactment of this measure will not affect the budgetary requirements of GSA.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised there is no objection to the submission of this report to your committee.

Sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN FLOETE, *Administrator.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON,
Washington, D.C., June 30, 1959.

HON. WARREN G. MAGNUSON,
*Chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Your request for comment on S. 2153, a bill to authorize the Coast Guard to accept, operate, and maintain a certain defense housing facility at Yorktown, Va., and for other purposes, has been assigned to this Department by the Secretary of Defense for the preparation of a report thereon expressing the views of the Department of Defense.

The Navy is planning to transfer to the Coast Guard the 42-unit housing facility at Yorktown which is the subject matter of the proposed legislation. This housing is not acceptable as public quarters, since it does not meet the necessary standards for such; however, it is acceptable as rental housing, the purpose for which it was constructed. The primary purpose of this bill is to authorize the Coast Guard to operate this housing as rental housing and use the proceeds thereof to maintain and operate it.

The Department of the Navy, on behalf of the Department of Defense, interposes no objection to the enactment of S. 2153.

This report has been coordinated within the Department of Defense in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

The Department of the Navy has been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that there is no objection to the submission of this report on S. 2153 to the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN S. MCCAIN, Jr.,
*Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Chief of Legislative Affairs
(For the Secretary of the Navy).*

COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, June 23, 1959.

HON. WARREN G. MAGNUSON,
*Chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
U.S. Senate.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in reply to your letter of June 11, 1959, requesting our comments on S. 2153.

The bill would authorize the U.S. Coast Guard to accept from the Department of the Navy, without reimbursement, the 42-unit defense housing facility at Yorktown, Va., and to operate and maintain such facility on a rental basis for occupancy by Coast Guard personnel and their dependents pursuant to the provisions of the act of July 2, 1945 (59 Stat. 316). We understand the U.S. Coast Guard intends to use this facility for the furtherance of a Reserve officers training program. The transfer of this housing facility to the U.S. Coast Guard is a matter of policy on which we have no comments or recommendations to offer.

We do recommend, however, that the gross amount of all rents collected should be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts and that the costs of operation and maintenance should be financed through annual appropriations in the same manner as the costs of operation and maintenance of the defense housing facility at Cape May, N.J., the transfer of which to the Coast Guard was authorized by the act of August 8, 1953, Public Law 247 (67 Stat. 529).

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH CAMPBELL,
Comptroller General of the United States.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter of June 11 enclosing a copy of S. 2153.

I have discussed this bill with Representative Thomas N. Downing of the First Congressional District of Virginia, and he states that this legislation is very desirable and hopes that the bill may be approved.

I concur with him in this opinion.

With kind personal regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

HARRY F. BYRD.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for bringing to my attention in your letter of the 11th, S. 2153, to authorize the Coast Guard to accept, operate, and maintain a defense housing facility at Yorktown, Va., which the Department of the Navy has declared to be surplus and which the Navy desires to transfer to the Coast Guard. I fully endorse the provisions of that bill and in that connection, call your attention to the fact that in the appropriation bill for the Treasury Department recently enacted into law there was a Coast Guard item of \$500,000 for the appropriate development of the Yorktown facility as a Coast Guard Naval Officers Training School. The training school at Yorktown for Reserve officers is badly needed by the Coast Guard to relieve an unhappy congestion at its Academy at New London, Conn.

I hope, therefore, that your Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce will favorably and promptly report to the Senate S. 2153.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. WILLIS ROBERTSON.

There is no change in existing law.

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